

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

~~1. A method for fabricating a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths:~~

~~i) providing a substrate comprising a surface layer of a group III-nitride nitrides such as GaN, maintaining the substrate at a temperature ranging from 700°C to 850°C, and forming a layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein x ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the substrate;~~

~~ii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and flowing indium-precursor at a flow rate of less than 100  $\mu\text{mol/min}$  between 2 and 5 seconds, and N-precursor over the layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  to form quantum dots of  $\text{In}_w\text{Ga}_{1-w}\text{N}$ , wherein  $w > 0.20$ ;~~

~~iii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a well layer of  $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$ , wherein y is greater than x, over the quantum dots;~~

~~iv) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a first cap layer of  $\text{In}_z\text{Ga}_{1-z}\text{N}$ , wherein z ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the well layer;~~

~~v) forming a second cap layer of GaN or AlGaN over the first cap layer; thereby obtaining a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths.~~

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the group III-nitride is GaN.

3 12. -A method for fabricating a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths comprising:

~~i) providing a substrate comprising a surface layer of a group III-nitride nitrides such as GaN, maintaining the substrate at a temperature ranging from 700°C to 850°C, and forming a layer of  $\text{Al}_u\text{Ga}_{1-u}\text{N}$ , wherein u ranges from 0 to 0.30, over the substrate;~~

~~ii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein x ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the  $\text{Al}_u\text{Ga}_{1-u}\text{N}$ ;~~

- iii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and flowing indium-precursor at a flow rate of less than 100  $\mu\text{mol/min}$  between 2 and 5 seconds, and N-precursor over the layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  to form quantum dots of  $\text{In}_w\text{Ga}_{1-w}\text{N}$ , wherein  $w > 0.20$ ;
- 15 iv) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a well layer of  $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$ , wherein  $y$  is greater than  $x$ , over the quantum dots;
- v) maintaining the substrate around/at the temperature of step i), and forming a first cap layer of  $\text{In}_z\text{Ga}_{1-z}\text{N}$ , wherein  $z$  ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the well layer;
- vi) forming a second cap layer of GaN or AlGaN over the first cap layer;
- 20 thereby obtaining a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths.

4 2. The method of claim 3 1, wherein the group III-nitride is GaN.

~~5 3. A method for fabricating a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths comprising:~~

- ~~i) providing a substrate comprising a surface layer of a group III-nitride nitrides such as GaN, maintaining the substrate at a temperature ranging from~~  
5 ~~700°C to 850°C, and forming a layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein  $x$  ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the substrate;~~
- ~~ii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming quantum dots of  $\text{In}_w\text{Ga}_{1-w}\text{N}$ , wherein  $w > 0.20$ , on the surface by flowing over the surface a composition comprising bisecyclopentadienyl magnesium, dimethyl~~  
10 ~~zinc, silane or tetraethyl silane;~~
- ~~iii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a well layer of  $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$ , wherein  $y$  is greater than  $x$ , over the quantum dots;~~
- ~~iv) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and~~  
15 ~~forming a first cap layer of  $\text{In}_z\text{Ga}_{1-z}\text{N}$ , wherein  $z$  ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the well layer;~~
- ~~v) forming a second cap layer of GaN or AlGaN over the first cap layer;~~  
~~thereby obtaining a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths.~~

**6. The method of claim 5, wherein the group III nitride is GaN.**

**7 4. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the forming steps are performed by metalorganic chemical vapor deposition using trimethyl indium, triethyl indium, ethyldimethyl indium or a mixture of at least two thereof as an indium precursor.**

**8 5. The method of any one of claims 1, 2 or 7 claim 1 or 4, wherein trimethyl gallium, triethyl gallium, ethyldimethyl gallium or a mixture of at least two thereof is used as a gallium precursor.**

**9 6. The method of claim 8 5, wherein ammonia or dimethylhydrazine is used as a nitrogen Nitrogen precursor and hydrogen, nitrogen or a mixture thereof is used as a carrier gas.**

**10 37. The method of claim 3 12, wherein the forming steps are performed by metalorganic chemical vapor deposition using trimethyl indium, triethyl indium, ethyldimethyl indium or a mixture of at least two thereof as an indium precursor.**

**11 48. The method of any one of claims 3, 4 1, 2 claim 2 or 10 37, wherein trimethyl gallium, triethyl gallium, ethyldimethyl gallium or a mixture of at least two thereof is used as a gallium precursor.**

**12 59. The method of claim 11 48, wherein ammonia or dimethylhydrazine is used as a nitrogen nitrogenN precursor and hydrogen, nitrogen or a mixture thereof is used as a carrier gas.**

**13 6. A method for fabricating a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths comprising:**

- 5 i) providing a substrate comprising a surface layer of a group III-nitride, maintaining the substrate at a temperature ranging from 700°C to 850°C, and forming a first layer of GaN or  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein x ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the substrate;
- 10 ii) maintaining the substrate at about the same temperature as the temperature of step i), and forming a second layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein x ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the first layer;
- iii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and flowing indium-precursor at a flow rate of less than 100  $\mu\text{mol/min}$  between 2 and 5 seconds, and N-precursor over the second layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  to form quantum dots of  $\text{In}_w\text{Ga}_{1-w}\text{N}$ , wherein  $w > 0.20$ ;
- 15 iv) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a well layer of  $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$ , wherein y is greater than x, over the quantum dots;
- v) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a first cap layer of  $\text{In}_z\text{Ga}_{1-z}\text{N}$ , wherein z ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the well
- 20 layer;
- vi) forming a second cap layer of GaN or AlGaN over the first cap layer; thereby obtaining a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the group III-nitride is GaN.

8. A method for fabricating a device that emits light in blue or green
- 25 wavelengths comprising:
- i) providing a substrate comprising a surface layer of a group III-nitride, maintaining the substrate at a temperature ranging from 700°C to 850°C, and forming a first layer of GaN or  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein x ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the substrate;
- 30 ii) maintaining the substrate at about the same temperature as in step i), and forming a second layer of  $\text{Al}_u\text{Ga}_{1-u}\text{N}$ , wherein u ranges from 0 to 0.30, over the first layer;

- iii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein  $x$  ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the  $\text{Al}_u\text{Ga}_{1-u}\text{N}$ ;
- 35 iv) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and flowing indium-precursor at a flow rate of less than 100  $\mu\text{mol/min}$  between 2 and 5 seconds, and N-precursor over the layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  to form quantum dots of  $\text{In}_w\text{Ga}_{1-w}\text{N}$ , wherein  $w > 0.20$ ;
- v) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and  
40 forming a well layer of  $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$ , wherein  $y$  is greater than  $x$ , over the quantum dots;
- vi) maintaining the substrate around/at the temperature of step i), and forming a first cap layer of  $\text{In}_z\text{Ga}_{1-z}\text{N}$ , wherein  $z$  ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the well layer;
- 45 vii) forming a second cap layer of GaN or AlGaN over the first cap layer; thereby obtaining a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths.

9. A method for fabricating a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths comprising:

- 50 i) forming upon a substrate having a surface layer, at a temperature of from 700°C to 850°C, a layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein  $x$  ranges from 0 to 0.10, or a layer of  $\text{Al}_u\text{Ga}_{1-u}\text{N}$ , wherein  $u$  ranges from 0 to 0.30, over the first layer;
- ii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and flowing indium-precursor at a flow rate of less than 100  $\mu\text{mol/min}$  between 2 and 5  
55 seconds, and N-precursor over the second layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  to form quantum dots of  $\text{In}_w\text{Ga}_{1-w}\text{N}$ , wherein  $w > 0.20$ ;
- iii) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a well layer of  $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$ , wherein  $y$  is greater than  $x$ , over the quantum dots;
- 60 iv) maintaining the substrate at about the temperature of step i), and forming a first cap layer of  $\text{In}_z\text{Ga}_{1-z}\text{N}$ , wherein  $z$  ranges from 0 to 0.10, over the well layer;
- v) forming a second cap layer of GaN or AlGaN over the first cap layer; thereby obtaining a device that emits light in blue or green wavelengths.

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10. The method of claim 9, wherein the surface layer of the substrate is a layer of GaN or  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ , wherein x ranges from 0 to 0.10, that is grown at the same temperature as the temperature used in step i).

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~~10.~~ The method of claim 5 or 6 ~~3~~, wherein the forming steps are performed by metalorganic chemical vapor deposition using trimethyl indium, triethyl indium, ethyldimethyl indium or a mixture of at least two thereof as an indium precursor.

~~14 11.~~ The method of any one of claims 5, 6 or 13 ~~claim 3 or 10~~, wherein trimethyl gallium, triethyl gallium, ethyldimethyl gallium or a mixture of at least two thereof is used as a gallium precursor.

~~15 12.~~ The method of claim 14 ~~11~~, wherein ammonia or dimethylhydrazine is used as a nitrogen Nitrogen precursor and hydrogen, nitrogen or a mixture thereof is used as a carrier gas.